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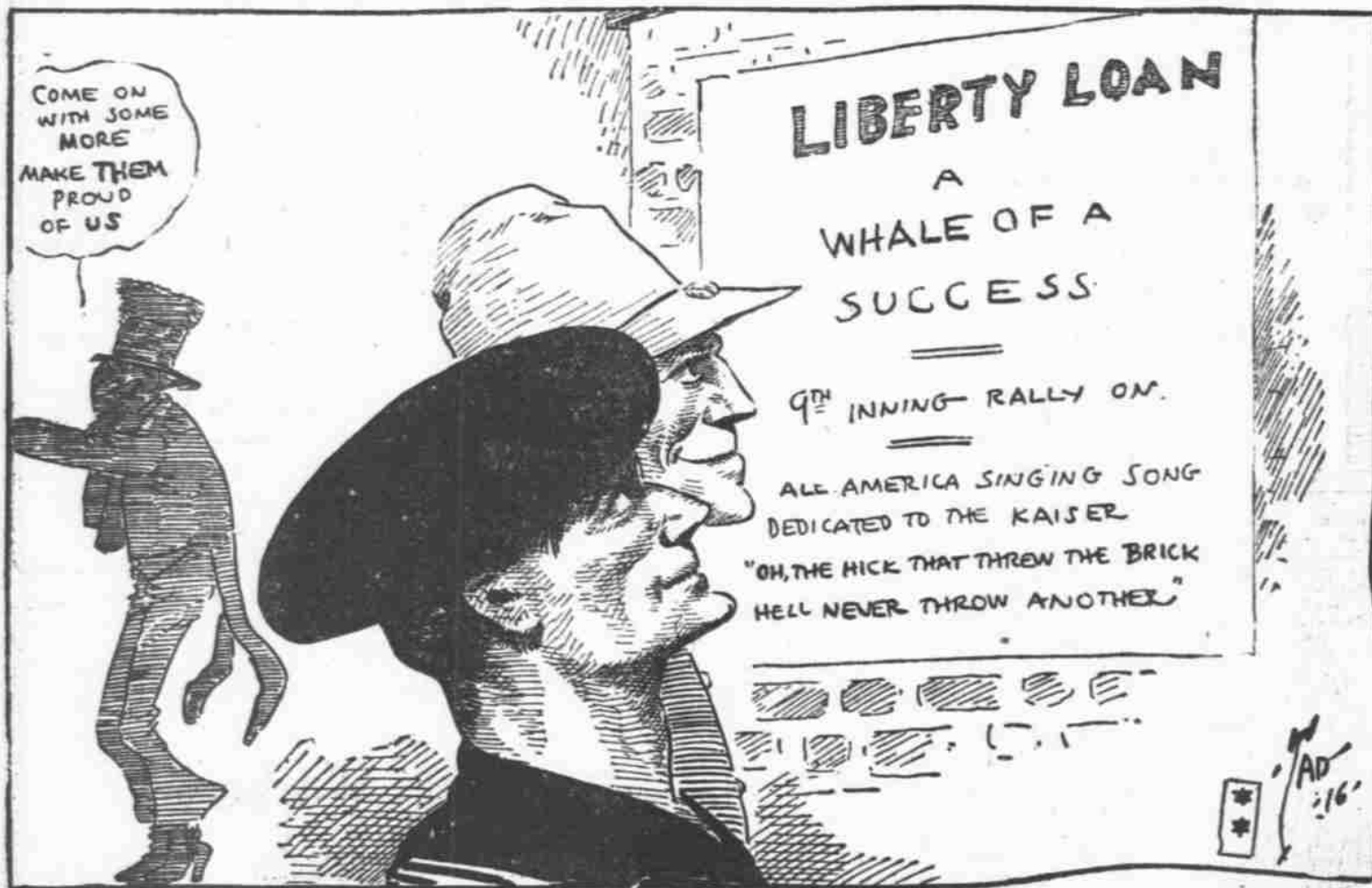
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## MIDDIES SEEKING TITLE AMONG SERVICE ELEEVENS

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ANNAPOLIS, Oct. 16.—Top honors among the football teams attached to the naval service is the ambition of the Midshipmen this year, in view of the fact that a contest with the Military Academy team is out of the question. If it is possible to oppose the big college teams also, the Midshipmen are ready to contest with the biggest and best, but there seems a marked tendency on the part of the college teams to stay away from Annapolis this season.

As it appears now, the big game of the season will be that against the Great Lakes training station, to be played at Annapolis on November 23. While this game will be of great interest, and may well decide top honors for the season among the naval teams, the Midshipmen will play one later game, if they can get one of sufficient interest, either on November 23 (Thanksgiving Day), or November 30.

The training station management was very anxious that the Midshipmen should play in Chicago on Thanksgiving Day. The navy people would like very much to take the trip, but it is unlikely that the department would permit it. The game here, however, is not conditioned on the return contest.

Sum of Two Games.  
The Midshipmen are assured games for the next two Saturdays. After two false starts, the season will begin next Saturday, the local eleven playing the team of the Naval Pay School, of Princeton, N. J. It is said that this team has many notable college players, and is able to put up a stiff game.

On the following Saturday, October 26, the Midshipmen play the extremely strong team of the Newport Training Station, which went through last season with one defeat, and is reported as equally strong this year.

The only college game now on the Academy's schedule is with Ursinus, on November 28, leaving room for at least three college games. Commander McWhorter, athletic officer of the Naval Academy, who has taken up the work of making a schedule for the Academy team after its destruction by the rulings of the War Department, has met with almost no response from the colleges.

All Respectfully Decline.  
Teams which have open dates have declined with great unanimity the invitation to come to Annapolis. Still, hopes have not been abandoned that some of the big fellows will decide to send their eleven to the Academy. Any of them will be welcome.

In information received here is to the effect that there are over 500 candidates for the football teams at the Great Lakes Station, and something like thirty teams organized. The whole station is worked up over the game, and in a high state of enthusiasm over the prospect of the Midshipmen coming to Chicago. This, indeed, would be a treat to the football squad and those connected with it, but it is hardly likely that Secretary Daniels would agree to such a long trip, unless he considered that the visit and game would bring the Navy into favorable notice.

It is possible that this side of the matter might be presented to him by those who are interested in seeing the game played. Undoubtedly, with his sanction obtained, the game would be played.

## "Devil Dogs" Will Play at Navy

The Philadelphia marine corps football eleven, quartered at the navy yard in Sleetown, have been given a place on the Naval Academy's football schedule. The "Devil Dogs" will visit Annapolis on November 2, and will undoubtedly attract a large crowd from Washington and Baltimore.

## PNEUMONIA SMITES PENN'S GRID COACH

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16.—Robert J. Folwell, football coach at Pennsylvania University, is confined to the university hospital seriously ill of pneumonia. Today his physician said that his patient, owing to his marvelous vitality, would undoubtedly recover.

Folwell was recently smitten with Spanish influenza. He went to his home in Mullica Hill, N. J., where he suffered a relapse and had to be rushed to the hospital.

In his absence "Big" Bill Hollenback and Jack Kough are in charge of the Penn football squad on Franklin field.

## GREG GETS MATCH

Harry Greb, middleweight championship claimant of the army and navy, will meet Clay Turner in a twelve-round bout in Boston October 22. The bout was postponed early in the month because of an injury Greb had suffered in a bout with Billy Miska.

The October 22 date will depend entirely on whether Boston is still under an influenza quarantine, otherwise another postponement will be necessary.

## JOE HAS TROUBLES

Joe Wellington, former Chicago lightweight, now in the navy, is finding it hard to get bouts during his furlough.

Wellington claims such boxers as Lew Tender, Johnny Dundee, and George Haney take to the woods whenever a match with him is suggested. Wellington is willing to take on any lightweight at catch weights in order to get a match.

## LALLY HAS INFLUENZA.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Oct. 16.—Paul Lally, star quarterback at the Washington and Jefferson varsity eleven, is ill with Spanish influenza and cannot play Saturday against Camp Sherman.

## MUST PLAY FOOTBALL.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 16.—Participation in football practice at the State University here is compulsory for every student in the army or naval training corps, according to Capt. E. J. MacIvor, commandant, today.

## HAS ALL-STAR TEAM.

BREUNSWICK, Me., Oct. 16.—By playing all members of the S. A. C. Bowdoin College has an all-star football eleven this year. Most of the candidates have played college football, some for four years.

## Penny Ante HELPING A GUY OUT By Jean Knott



## LOOKING 'EM OVER By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

Bill Wambagans, former second baseman of the Cleveland Indians, is in the army. He's also eating fish. Somebody told him that the requisite of success in an infantry officer is "5 per cent brains and 95 per cent nerve." Therefore, he has entered the officers' training camp at Camp Zachary Taylor with every hope of emerging a second lieutenant in the United States army.

Bill Wambagans, or rather Wambagans, as he is known to thousands of fans, should succeed in his ambition to become a commissioned officer in the army, for his career on the diamond tends to prove that he has the requisite nerve and considerable more brains than mere 5 per cent.

When he first joined the Cleveland club, Wambagans wasn't much of a batsman. He was played at short, and didn't look good after Ray Chapman. But Wambagans had the nerve and the brains and the ambition. When Lou Gehrig decided to switch him to second base, Wambagans started right in to learn all possible about that position. Meanwhile, too, he was following instructions about increasing his strength at bat.

For the past two seasons Wambagans was rightly classed among the best second basemen in the big leagues. His triumph was the result of hard fighting, of stick-to-it-iveness, of brains, and nerve.

So it ought to be Lieutenant Wambagans before he quits the army.

They Like Football.  
The military authorities at Michigan Agricultural College like football and football players. Indeed, football athletes get a big boost, as the following from Lansing shows: "Football, once held by some of the 'highbrows' who haunt the academic precincts of the campus as a somewhat 'lowbrow' sport, has been elevated at M. A. C. to the dignity of being a 'military formation,' and boys who make good at it are accorded careful consideration when candidates for the officers' school are selected."

The principle the commandant at M. A. C. is working on is that given two young men of equal merit in other respects, the young man who has been football training (and with it

## THREE CRACK TEAMS WOULD PLAY HERE

Three first-class football teams have signified their intention of wanting to play in this city during November. Early in the fall Lieut. Howard Berry, former Penn athlete, now at Camp Hancock, wrote asking if he could bring a team here for an engagement.

Louis Young, athletic director at the Newport News naval training station asked if his team might be given a chance to participate in a game with the Quantico Marines. Recently Lieut. Tom Sullivan, coach of George Washington two years ago, asked for a game here for the Camp Merritt officers' team.

If the War Camp Community Service Commission follows its plan of having big games in the larger cities for the benefit of the service a contest might be staged here. The Spanish flu epidemic has stopped all games between camp teams, but football is going full tilt in the various camps.

November has been officially designated by the War Department as the month in which teams may play regularly scheduled contests. The student army training corps teams as well as the army camp and naval base teams have booked up many battles.

Just as soon as Clark Griffith learns about the disposition of the baseball park, here, announcements can be expected of the proposed military football league and the booking of other teams for battles here Saturday and Sunday.

As long as no games can be listed on account of the ban on crowds contests will be held off until the epidemic has passed.

While nothing official has been done about calling off the high school football schedule it seems pretty definitely settled that a majority of the coaches are in favor of calling a halt for the year.

The fact that practically no preparation has been made for games in the way of practice means that at least ten days would be necessary to get the youngsters in condition to play. This would leave a few days only in which to stage one or at best two engagements.

Talk of informal games is expected to meet no response. The four high schools listed will probably turn their attention to basketball.

Practice at the Army Medical School, Galludet, and was assigned to Temple College, in Philadelphia, as an instructor. He died in the Quaker City.

It was principally as a football player that Finnegan won renown at the Blue and Gray institution, but he was also a star in basketball. He played forward on the Blue and Gray basketball team of last year and was catcher on the baseball team. He was in his freshman year at the Hilltop.

Finnegan was twenty-one years of age. His burial took place at Haverhill a week ago.

AFTER A COMMISSION.  
CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Charlie White, the lightweight, who has been teaching the game at various army camps, expects to receive a Lieutenant's commission shortly.

WILL MEET IN HUB.  
BOSTON, Oct. 16.—Johnny Dundee and Frankie Callahan have been matched for a twelve-round bout at the Armory A. A. here October 23.

## TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion of England and Wales, chirps the following: "I am ambitious to get to the top of the heap and want a crack at Battling Nelson for the championship. Packy McFarland and I are the only two men who have a chance of topping the Dane. I am as much entitled to a chance as Packy as we went to a twenty-five-round draw."

"Will fight Nelson any amount of rounds up to forty-five and will put up a side bet of \$5,000." (Welsh had his ambition fulfilled when he got to the top of the heap by earning the decision over Willie Ritchie for the world's title at London, July 7, 1914.)

Nelson and Welsh, both ex-champions at the time, met in a twelve-round bout at Milwaukee, Wis., April 17, 1914, Welsh winning.

Frank Gotch, the champion wrestler, has signed a theatrical contract for forty weeks. All challengers to the title will have to wait till Frank completes his tour.

Curley Byrd was playing quarterback for George Washington and doing a bang up job of it. Fred Neilson coached the team.

Connie Doyle successfully defended his District tennis championship at Dumbarton. Rai Doyle, his brother, was the challenger. Rai and Connie defeated Dale and Hille in doubles for the title.

Georgetown defeated Galludet 13 to 0. George Washington defeated Western Maryland on 18 to 0 trimming. Episcopal High beat Tech by 16 to 5. Maryland State beat Richmond College by 22 to 0.

Joe Turner opened his wrestling season at the National Guard Armory.

John Britton was elected football manager of the Washington School for Boys.

Richard J. Cox, Jr., of Seat Pleasant, Md., challenged anyone in the South to meet him at Indian club swinging.

## ONLY TWO WERE OUT

In a game of baseball, played between Baltimore and the Brooklyn Nationals April 27, 1897, Hugh Jennings was advanced to first by being hit by the pitcher and tried to steal second. In running the strawberry blond down, Mike Griffin, outfielder, made the put-out, but every player on the team, with the exception of the two other outfielders, figured in the mixup and were credited with an assist.

Jennings was completely surrounded by the opposition and gave them a merry chase, which looked, at times, as if the strenuous Jennings would elude the whole bunch. Some ball player, in his day, was Hughie.

## SOME SPORT SQUIBS

Mike O'Dowd, the middleweight champion, has been assigned by the army official in France to teach our boys how to fight. Kaiser Bill wants to know what they call that stuff they pulled in Chateau Thierry if it wasn't fighting.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The rise of Jack Dempsey has been likened to that of John Gully, one-time champion of England, who finally wound up as a member of Parliament. However, Dempsey is a young man to the straight and narrow may sidestep Congress.—New York Evening Telegram.

## PLANS FOR GAMES.

BOSTON, Oct. 16.—Plans are under way for Boston College to have a variety eleven and offers of games have been made to Dartmouth and Brown. Charlie Brickley, the 1917 coach, is now in the navy as an ensign, but his system is being followed by the squad.

## WILLIAMS CLICKS OFF HIGHEST SET

Williams, of Consolidated, cracked over 124, 125 and 126 pins against the Shamrocks in the National Capital Duckpin League and gained top honors for the week. The total of 386 is high set for the season in any circuit.

Consolidated could take but two games from the Shamrocks, who bowled consistently well throughout the match. "Frisco" with 12 took high individual game. The Shamrock men got 58 in the first game and won it only to fall back in the next two.

King David bowlers in the Masonic League rattled the Mt. Pleasant men for all three games, winning hands down all the way. None of the scores broke any records as three bowlers totaled less than eighty.

The big pin splitters got under way in the Washington Tropic league. Interior took but two out of three from the Acme bowlers. A handicap of thirty-four pins to Interior was apparently not enough.

## MADE GREAT DEBUT

"Big George" McQuillan, pitcher for Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and several other prominent teams, was considered about one of the weakest batters the game ever had. However, "Mac" could do his share toward preventing the other fellow from knocking the ball out of the yard.

When McQuillan broke into the National League with the Phillies in the fall of 1907, he breezed through twenty-seven strenuous innings before the opposition strangled over a run. In his fourth game, he should have scored a shutout, as the Pittsburgh team made only three hits, which netted one run, and this was the only tally made in thirty innings. An impressive debut for Mac.

## GRIDIRON GOSSIP

Sunplee and Wolfe, certain to be varsity tackles at Penn, are lost to the navy. They have gone to Camp Gordon to study for commissions in the army. With them went Friedman, Ellison and Kamerer.

Because of the rush on bandages for use in France, Columbia's football players are using impromptu affairs.

Tale's first football is due next Saturday, when eleven representing the army and navy units will get together in the Bowl.

"Bunny" Larch, supposed to be Penn's varsity quarterback is aiding in the defense against influenza in Philadelphia and may not play any football. He is a third-year medical student.

Lieutenant Cobbett, dental surgeon at Lafayette College, has been appointed head of the varsity football eleven. He played football and baseball at Maine. Advisory coach will be Parke H. Davis.

Washington and Jefferson's varsity squad has resumed work in preparation for Saturday's clash with the Camp Sherman soldiers, from Philadelphia, Ohio. The ban on football because of the "flu" has been raised.

George Levine, Pat Dwyer, the famous Quaker center, who made "Germany" Schultz, of Michigan, quit; Alex Wray and "Dutch" Sommer are among Pennsylvania graduates appearing on Franklin Field to assist in turning out a strong team this season.

## DUNDEE IS DEAD.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 16.—Baltimore Dundee, a bantamweight boxer of promise in this city, is dead of influenza at Hampton Roads where he was serving in the navy.